

January 28, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft US DOJ 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take this time to give you my opinion on the Microsoft Anti Trust case. This case has been a fiasco since its beginnings and I can't understand how it has been allowed to go on for so long.

I run my own company and use Microsoft products every day. I have never been forced to use their software. This is supposed to be a free enterprise system and anyone can go out and buy whatever products they want. There is a reason Microsoft's products have become so widespread and widely used that consumers prefer them to their competitors. Consumer preference does not constitute a monopoly.

Even though I feel this settlement goes farther than Microsoft may want, it is necessary to get our country on its feet again. Microsoft has agreed to give away a lot of their intellectual property and will be changing their business practices to make it easier for consumers to access non-Microsoft products on their computers.

For the sake of our technology industry and our entire economy, please do your part in putting a final end to this case.

Sincerely,

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